

PHALÆNA MACROURA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ setaceæ, a basi ad apicem sensim attenuatæ.

Alæ (sedentis) sæpius deflexæ (volatu nocturno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 808.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PHALÆNA ferruginea, alis inferioribus caudatis longissimis.

Drury ins. 3. p. 39. t. 29.

Ex omnibus lepidopteris quæ hactenus physicis innotuerunt, nescio an non Phalæna macroura præcipue notatu digna sit ob enormem longitudinem appendicum, quasi in caudæ similitudinem excrescentium, quibus alæ inferiores terminantur. Africae incola in phalænis rarioribus exoticis numeratur. In eleganti Domini Drurii opere censeo eam primo descriptam fuisse et depictam.



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THE
LONG-TAILED PHALÆNA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ setaceous, gradually lessening from the base to the tip.

Wings (when at rest) commonly deflected. (flight nocturnal.)

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Ferruginous PHALÆNA, with the lower wings extended into extremely long tail-like processes.

Drury ins. p. 39. pl. 29.

Of all the lepidoptera yet known, the present species is perhaps the most remarkable for the excessive length of the tail-like processes or appendices with which the lower wings are terminated: it is a native of Africa, and is numbered among the rarest of the exotic Phalænæ. It seems to have been first described and figured in the elegant work of Mr. Drury.